

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL [RFP] No TNPA/2025/03/0002/92645/RFP

DESCRIPTION: FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE BOEGOEBAAI PORT AND RAIL DEVELOPMENT MARKET RESEARCH STUDIES FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 1 of 1

DATE: 18 June 2025

Question	Answer
Questions Posed After Briefing Session	
1. In Section 9 (Specific Goals Points Claim Form) subsection 6.1 regarding B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor, it mentions a maximum of 10 or 20 points, but for the B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor you can either receive a maximum of 5 or 10 points (dependent on which system) right? Or should we fill in the total points claimed for the two specific goals together, i.e. including B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor and EME/QSE 51% Black Owned?	In Section 9 (Specific Goals Points Claim Form) subsection 6.1 of B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor, bidders are required to indicate the B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution and points claimed out of 20 points and out of 10 points. E.g. <i>6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution: Level 1. = 10.00 or 5.00 (maximum of 10 or 20 points).</i>
2. For the position... (of Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, would a Master's degree in Political Sciences also score the full 3 points, given that this Master's degree includes comparable elements to a Master's degree in Public Relations?	- Yes, a person with an international Masters in Political Science will be allowed to score the full 3 points, provided the qualification is equivalent to the South African Master's degree in Public Relations upon verification with SAQA. "Bidders must submit a certificate of evaluation of foreign/international qualifications issued by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) for each foreign/international qualification submitted."
3. For the position of Geographic Information System (GIS) / Data Analyst, would a Master's degree in Computer Science (Informatica in Dutch) also score the full 3 points, considering the Master's strong focus on information systems and data science?	- Yes, a person with an international Masters in Computer Science will be allowed to score the full 3 points. provided the qualification is equivalent to the South African Master's degree in Master in Computer Science upon verification with SAQA. "Bidders must submit a certificate of evaluation of foreign/international qualifications issued by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) for each foreign/international qualification submitted."

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4. Will we be required to review the traffic forecast from the port master plans or develop our own?	Service provider is required to develop their own traffic forecast for this project. Other traffic studies may be used as baseline, but for this project you are required to develop a traffic forecast for Boegoebaai.
5. Will TNPA share their freight demand model?	We will share all relevant information upon request, but service provider is required to develop a freight demand model for Boegoebaai.
6. The bidding requirements state that a JV/Consortium/Subcontracting agreement must be submitted with the bid. However, due to the tight timelines and limited time remaining before submission, would the submission of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be acceptable in place of the subcontracting agreement?	The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be accepted, however it must clearly indicate the percentage [%] split of business , the responsibilities of each party and signed by both parties.
7. Are there specific modelling tools, software, or methodologies TNPA prefers for the Freight Demand Model?	There are no specific modelling tools or software that TNPA prefers. Bidders will propose based on their methodology for TNPA's approval at the inception phase of this assignment.
8. Please confirm whether all 3 rail routes are to be studied, or whether there is a preferred route (Annexure B: Boegoebaai Preferred Rail Routing)	Only the below selected route to be studied: Route 2 Central Connection to the OREX Line, From Boegoebaai, alignment routes through Anenous Pass to Pofadder (via Gamsberg) and connects to existing OREX Line west of Kenhardt.
9. Please advise if a FEL Gate review will take place	The Gate Review process for the project will be handled by TNPA outside of the market study contract and appointed bidder will not be required to form part of the Transnet gate review.
10. We kindly request a two-week extension to the scheduled closing to allow adequate time for the incorporation of all requested information and clarifications once received.	TNPA is working under very strict timelines on the Boegoebaai programme and the market study forms a critical input to decision-making processes, thus TNPA is unable to offer a time extension to the RFP closing date on this occasion.